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THEMATIC SESSION 4

Using territories' expertise to ensure food security: training, skills transfer, facilitation, structural development, institutional support and stakeholder support

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OBJECTIVES AND FOCUS

The Regions are cooperating more in the field of exchanges of agricultural skills and technical and vocational agricultural education. The effects are noticeable in both the short and long term. Several of the structural factors causing food insecurity can be tackled through support and training for sectoral organisations. It is therefore urgent to promote and revitalise agricultural and rural vocational training schemes and to include them within agricultural policies.

Partner Regions all have a support role to play, from the training of public technical services to the training of farmers:

- What are the needs of the Regions from the South?
- Who are the main players in training and what powers do the Regions have in this field? What are the challenges and limits of local initiatives in the field of vocational training and agricultural education?
- Which training measures should be developed for elected officials and public technical services? Which are the opportunities for developing, through regional partnerships, resource centres in agriculture and food science?
- How can a participative approach be fostered in order to spread the impact of efforts to organise and support stakeholders?
- How can the development of forums for dialogue and discussion between multiple stakeholders be encouraged?

EXPERT CONTRIBUTIONS

The food-, energy- and environment-related aspects of efforts undertaken by the farming, fisheries and forestry professions in the framework of a territorial approach to climate change and the mechanisms required in order to implement this: proposals drawn up further to the discussions held at the UNDP-FAO meeting in Brest on 21-22 October 2009, Mr Alain Retière, Director of Climsat, UNDP.

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REGIONAL INITIATIVES

Koulikoro Region (Mali): Helping Koulikoro's farmers to structure themselves into a Professional Farmers' Organisation: technical and institutional support from the French Farmers and International Development Association (AFDI) of Basse Normandie., **Mr Seydou Coulibaly**, President of the Koulikoro Association of Peasants' Organisations, and President of the Koulikoro Regional Chamber of Agriculture (Mali)

Atsinanana Region (Madagascar) and **Basse-Normandie Region** (France): regional partnership for the creation of a training centre to train instructors of agricultural technicians, **Mr Tojo Randrianarison**, Deputy Technical Director of the Union of Malagasy Rural Family Centres

Galicia Region (Spain) and the **Regions of Central America**: Technical training and food insecurity strategies: training programme on small-scale fishing in Central America, **Mr Jesús Gamallo**, Director General of Galicia's Department of External Relations and Relations with the European Union (Spain).

Kampong Speu Province (Cambodia): The process for introducing the Protected Geographical Indications in Cambodia, and related partnerships with farmers, local councillors from Cambodia and France, **Mr Sereyvath Prak**, Director of the Cambodian Institute for Research and Rural Development, an NGO

Cusco Region (Peru): Capacity building for local organisations and municipalities to improve high-altitude mountain farming practices and develop better coordination between Cusco peasant families and the market, partnership with *Agronomes et Vétérinaires Sans Frontières (AVSF)*, **Mr Wilbert Rozas**, Mayor of Anta Province (Peru)